

CONTENTdm Acquisition Station Software Application

The Indiana State Library is offering CONTENTdm Acquisition Station software to Indiana libraries and their partnering organizations to assist in adding their unique historical materials to Indiana Memory. Applicants must agree to follow national standards for image creation, metadata tagging and collection development as approved by the Indiana Digital Initiatives Governance Board. For more information about the board or to download a copy of the current policies, go to <http://www.statelib.lib.in.us/www/isl/diglibin/>.

Indiana Memory is a collaboration of Indiana libraries, museums, archives, and related cultural organizations, spearheaded by the Indiana State Library. It is a digital library that enables access to Indiana's unique cultural and historical heritage through a variety of digital formats and free distribution over the Internet. Initial support for Indiana Memory comes from a Library Services and Technology Act grant.

CONTENTdm has been selected as the digital content management system for Indiana Memory. The Acquisition Station is the component of CONTENTdm that allows you to input, annotate, and upload all the multimedia items and data in your collection to the host server. The software being offered through this application process will work exclusively with the Indiana Memory host server; it cannot be used to manage digital materials on any other server.

To apply, please complete the application that is available on the Library Development Office web site (insert LINK) and mail it to the Library Development Office by July 27, 2007. Only Indiana libraries are eligible to apply for the CONTENTdm Acquisition Station software. Indiana's museums, archives, and related cultural heritage organizations with digital collections that reflect Indiana's cultural heritage are encouraged to partner with a participating library.

Preference will be given to those organizations that demonstrate a clear knowledge of all aspects of digitization projects and include collections having a statewide significance in their projects. Collaborations between libraries and local cultural heritage organizations are strongly encouraged.

The use of the CONTENTdm Acquisition Station software will be awarded for one year with the option to renew the license as often as needed. Award winners will receive the Acquisition Station software, training, and limited support. The Indiana State Library will monitor additions to Indiana Memory for completeness and appropriateness. Permissions may be revoked at any time if the items are not in compliance with established Indiana Memory standards.

All recipients of the ISL CONTENTdm Acquisition Station software are encouraged to attend a full-day workshop on July 18, provided by the State Library at no charge. If you are thinking of completing the application, please contact Connie Rendfeld by July 6, 2007 to learn more about the workshop or the application process. Call (317) 232-3694 or 1 (800) 451-6028 or e-mail crendfeld@statelib.lib.in.us.